

SUICIDE HIS PLEA.

Gillette on Stand Says Girl Jumped Into Lake.

"WELL, I WILL END IT NOW," SHE SAID

Accused of Murdering His Sweetheart on Big Moose Lake Last July, Prisoner Denies Killing the Girl.

HERKIMER, N. Y., Nov. 29.—That Grace Brown committed suicide by jumping into the waters of Big Moose lake was the testimony given by Chester Gillette, who is on trial here for the murder of the girl. He said she sprang into the lake after he had proposed that they go home and tell her parents about her condition. He said she exclaimed, "Well, I will end it now," then arose in the boat and sprang into the lake. He said he tried to rescue her, but her body did not come up.

Mr. Thomas, his counsel, in opening for the defense, traced the defendant from his first meeting and friendship with Grace Brown to Big Moose lake. "They were boy and girl and unversed in the intrigues of life," he said. "There is such a thing as mental and moral cowardice, but there is no proof of any crime in this case. The only man who saw it will be a witness, and you will hear the story from his own lips."

Mr. Thomas then called in a clear voice: "Chester Gillette to the stand."

First he went over his youthful career, which carried him through the west. Gillette said that he had been in the employ of his uncle, N. H. Gillette of Cortland, since March, 1905.

"I left Cortland on Sunday, July 8," he began. "Yes; I had been acquainted with Grace Brown for some time. I went to Deruyter from Cortland and remained there one night. I met Grace Brown the next day. We went to Utica, staying at the Hotel Martin that night."

In regard to his trip into the Adirondacks he said: "Gillette said he went to Deruyter to meet Grace Brown because he said he would."

"Did you intend to marry her when you went to Deruyter?" asked Mr. Ward.

"Yes, sir."

"Why didn't you go with her to Deruyter?"

"She didn't want to be seen."

"Didn't you know you would be rid of the girl before Saturday night?"

"No, sir."

"Didn't you know you would be rid of her before you met the Patrick and Westcott girls Friday night?"

"No, sir."

District Attorney Ward read a passage from a letter to Gillette in which Grace Brown said that "maybe I'll never go home again until I am sent home dead. You know, dear, you promised me that."

"Did you promise to kill her?"

"No."

"Did you ever say you would send her home dead?"

"No."

and of striking a road, meeting two men in one place and a third farther on. About the tennis racket, he said that it was in the way. "I had my suit case," Gillette said, "and I decided to put the racket away. I put it under a log in the woods a little way from the road."

Gillette then told of visiting Eagle bay, Arrowhead inlet and his trip to Seventh lake.

UPHOLDS PRESIDENT.

General Nettleton Sends Report on Affray at Brownsville, Tex.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Nov. 29.—Because of the apparent misunderstanding in portions of the country of the facts which called forth the order discharging the three companies of colored troops recently stationed here and in view of the resultant criticism of the president's course in the matter the citizens' committee of Brownsville recently requested General A. B. Nettleton of Chicago, former assistant secretary of the treasury, now here on business, to make in his own way a thorough and disinterested investigation of the Brownsville riot of Aug. 13 and report his conclusions.

General Nettleton has embodied his findings in a letter to the secretary of war. He says in part:

"As a citizen of Illinois, as an anti-slavery advocate when that phrase had a meaning and as a veteran who served in the Union army throughout the civil war I shall at least not be suspected of prejudice against men of color."

"Without rehearsing details I wish to assure you that this absolutely unprejudiced investigation, made after local excitement has subsided, confirms in every particular to the conclusions reached by the two army officers sent here by the war department on the strength of which the president took his action as well as the clear and temperate statement published immediately after the tragedy by Chairman Kelly of the Brownsville citizens' committee."

After summarizing facts hitherto published as to the killing of one citizen, the maiming of a chief of police, the firing of volleys into and through hotels, saloons and many private residences and of terrorizing of the entire town the letter continues:

"It is well attested by evidence that the colored troops were treated here with the same consideration with which colored soldiers of like bearing are treated in most garrison towns of the northern states; that, on the other hand, the street conduct of some of them was often aggressively and causelessly insolent toward white men and women; that there was no provocation for the murderous raid by the soldiers. There was no 'riot' and no street 'rows,' as many newspapers persist in calling the occurrence. It was simply a most cowardly conspiracy to terrify, wound and kill unoffending men, women and children at the hour of midnight, when defense or resistance was impossible and was not even attempted. Evidently not an opposing shot was fired."

Was in Siege of Peking.

SUMMIT, N. J., Nov. 29.—Mrs. Mary Q. Porter Gamewell, wife of Dr. F. D. Gamewell, one of the secretaries of the Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church, is dead here. Mrs. Gamewell was sent by the Woman's Foreign Missionary society to Peking, China, in 1872. Mrs. Gamewell and her husband were caught in the siege of Peking at the time of the Boxer uprising. Dr. Gamewell having in charge the fortifications of the legation during the siege and Mrs. Gamewell rendering service in the making of band bags and in other ways.

Heir to Earl Portland a Citizen Now. SHERIDAN, Wyo., Nov. 29.—John Fallows Wallop, son and heir of the present Earl of Portland, went before the judge of the district court and declared his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States. He also renounced his right of succession to the title and estates of his father in favor of his son, John Walker Wallop. Mr. Wallop has been a resident of Sheridan county for fourteen years, coming here to work as a cowboy and acquiring a large ranch on the Little Goose creek.

Father Murders His Son.

SNEADS, Fla., Nov. 29.—Thomas Yon is dead here as the result of being stabbed at Comfort by his father, Elford A. Yon, who is in jail. The senior Yon, who had been drinking, was beating his wife when the son interferred. The father drew his knife and stabbed the son under the heart and in the right breast. He then cut Mrs. Yon an ugly gash on the face, the blade penetrating the cheek and splitting her tongue.

Jesse James, Jr., Believes in Law. KANSAS CITY, Nov. 29.—Attorney Jesse James, Jr., a son of the notorious outlaw of that name, was in police court to prosecute his brother-in-law, Luther McGowan, for taking James' horse without permission and mistreating it. McGowan pleaded guilty and said he had been drinking. "You are his brother-in-law. What do you want me to do with him?" Judge Kyle inquired of James. "He ought to be fined. I believe in law enforcement," said James. Judge Kyle imposed a fine of \$100.

Will Showed His Love For Animals. PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 29.—By the will of Benjamin D. Weeden, one of the wealthiest property owners of this city, bequests are made for the support of a favorite mare, two dogs and a parrot. Mr. Weeden had possessions valued at nearly \$1,000,000. He was a great lover of animals.

Murder at Wilkesbarre, Pa.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Nov. 29.—John Williams last night shot and instantly killed Robert Rowan. The men engaged in a quarrel, and Williams drew a revolver and shot Rowan in the stomach. Rowan came to this city from Orange, N. J. Williams was arrested.

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CALLS CARUSO LIAR

Mysterious Mrs. Hannah Graham Found in New York.

TENOR GETS OVATION IN OPERA.

Alleged Victim of Insult Makes Statement to Police Officials Justifying Her Charge Against the Opera Singer.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—"Mrs. Hannah Graham," whose real name is Mrs. Hannah Stanhope, has been found by the police.

She has made a statement to police officials in which she corroborates every word of Policeman Calne's testimony in the trial of Enrico Caruso, who was arrested and convicted on the charge of insulting "Mrs. Graham."

Confirmation of the assertion that "Mrs. Graham" and Mrs. Stanhope are one and the same person was obtained from Leonard Bronner, a lawyer, whose residence is on Seventieth street, near the park.

When asked how he knew that Hannah Stanhope was the woman Bronner replied:

"Because her husband, Adam Stanhope, a semiprofessional baseball player, telephoned to me and confirmed my belief that it was she."

"In all the time that Mrs. Stanhope was a member of my household I never saw the slightest thing out of the way with the girl. She was respectable and thoroughly reliable," declared Bronner.

In the statement made by Mrs. Stanhope she said:

"It was in the monkey house that I first saw Caruso. I did not know that it was Caruso at the time."

"When he says that I flirted with him he lies. He first attracted my attention by pressing his elbow on my right shoulder, and as I attributed it to accident I paid no attention to it and walked away."

"But the man followed me, and while I was looking into a cage that contained but a single monkey I felt the knuckles of a hand press against me. I turned sharply and saw it was the same man standing close to me. There was no possibility of the insult not being intentional, and I screamed. A policeman came up and, displaying his shield, said to me:

"Will you make a complaint?"

"No," I said, "but if my husband were here he would fix that fellow."

"The policeman persisted in his request that I make a complaint, and when I said I did not want the notoriety attached to the affair he said:

"Well, come over to the station house anyway. This man has insulted other women here today, and I want to lock him up."

"I protested against being taken to the station, but had to go. I felt sure that the foreign looking man who had insulted me was some one of prominence and that a lot of unpleasant notoriety would follow."

At the Metropolitan Opera House last night Enrico Caruso, the Italian tenor, made his first public appearance since his recent conviction in a police court on the charge of annoying women in Central park. The opera was "La Boheme," and Caruso sang Rodolfo to Mme. Sembrich's Mimì.

The audience, which was a brilliant one, gave the tenor a cordial reception, which was accepted by his friends as a public vindication. There had been much speculation as to how the singer would be received and some little fear of a hostile demonstration. To forestall any attempt to interrupt the performance the house had been picketed with police, the interference of which, however, was not required.

From the lower as well as the upper sections of the house arose cries of "What's the matter with Caruso?" and the response "He's all right."

At the end of the first act Caruso was recalled five times and then would no longer respond. Mme. Sembrich shared in these recalls.

Rawlings Not to Escape Gallows. ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 29.—The state supreme court refused to issue a mandamus directing Judge Mitchell to certify a bill of exceptions in the case of J. G. Rawlings, who is sentenced to hang Dec. 4 at Valdosta, Ga. Unless some other legal action is taken Rawlings and the negro Alf Moore will be hanged next Tuesday.

General G. W. Baird Dead. ASHEVILLE, N. C., Nov. 29.—Brigadier General George W. Baird, U. S. A., retired, is dead here. General Baird was born in Connecticut in December, 1839, entered the Union army during the civil war as a private and rose to the colonelcy of a colored regiment.

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ROBURIT EXPLODED.

Disaster Near Witten, Germany, Said to Have Killed Fifty Persons.

BERLIN, Nov. 29.—A roburit factory near Witten, Westphalia, exploded last evening and was wiped from the face of the earth.

Many persons were killed, but the exact number cannot yet be ascertained. People say it is far above fifty. About a hundred persons were wounded and already have been conveyed to hospitals. The detonation was heard throughout the entire surrounding industrial region, which is thickly settled.

All the windows in the adjacent

town of Annen were destroyed by the concussion, and many houses were unroofed. No house escaped injury. The inhabitants of the immediate neighborhood fled, anticipating another explosion in the vaults of the factory.

Roburit is an explosive of high power, composed of saltpeter, ammonia, sulphur and other ingredients. It is not easily exploded by a blow, and it can be burned with safety in the open air. Its power is second to that of dynamite.

When a man tells you he is going to stand by you until the last dollar, ask him whose last dollar he means.—Morris McHusby.

Mrs. Holmes Dead at 102.

BERLIN, Mass., Nov. 29.—Mrs. Margaret Holmes, aged 102 years, died in this city yesterday. Her mother was an Indian and lived to be 100 years old. Mrs. Holmes was one of twenty-two children and was the mother of eighteen. All her sons fought in the civil war, and one of them was killed.

Hermann Guilty of Murder.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Nov. 29.—Alexander Hermann, on trial here charged with the murder of Martin Korinsky by shooting on July 4 last, was found guilty of murder in the first degree.

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